

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 14 – 19 have been canceled and claim 37 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 1 – 4, 5 – 13, and 20 – 46 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 5 and 14 – 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claims were asserted to be directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material; and claim 1 – 4, 6 – 13, and 20 – 46 were allowed.

By this amendment claims 5 and 14 – 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to overcome the rejection and claim 37 has been amended for clarity. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 5 and 14 – 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material.

Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 101 reads: Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

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In response, claims 5 and 14 – 19 have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The cancellation of these claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuing applications.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 13, and 20 – 46 were found to contain allowable subject matter over the prior art. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance.

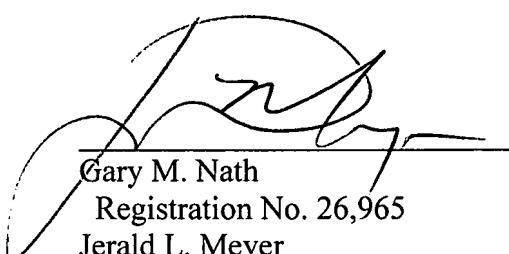
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney if it is believed that it will expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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